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Above: While spectators watched from the parking lot and newsmen and officials waited at the door of Wing 9, the first of a fleet of presidential helicopters came in for a landing, giving cameramen on and around the platform a thorough dusting.

Left: Just ahead of the President, Vice President Lyndon Johnson was accompanied down the ramp by Congressman Joseph Montoya.

Below: While TV cameras rolled, President Kennedy proceeded toward Wing 9 with AEC Commissioner Leland Haworth on his right, Senator Clinton P. Anderson, University of California Regent Edwin Pauley, and Laboratory Director Norris Bradbury on his left.

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THE DAY THE PRESIDENT CAME

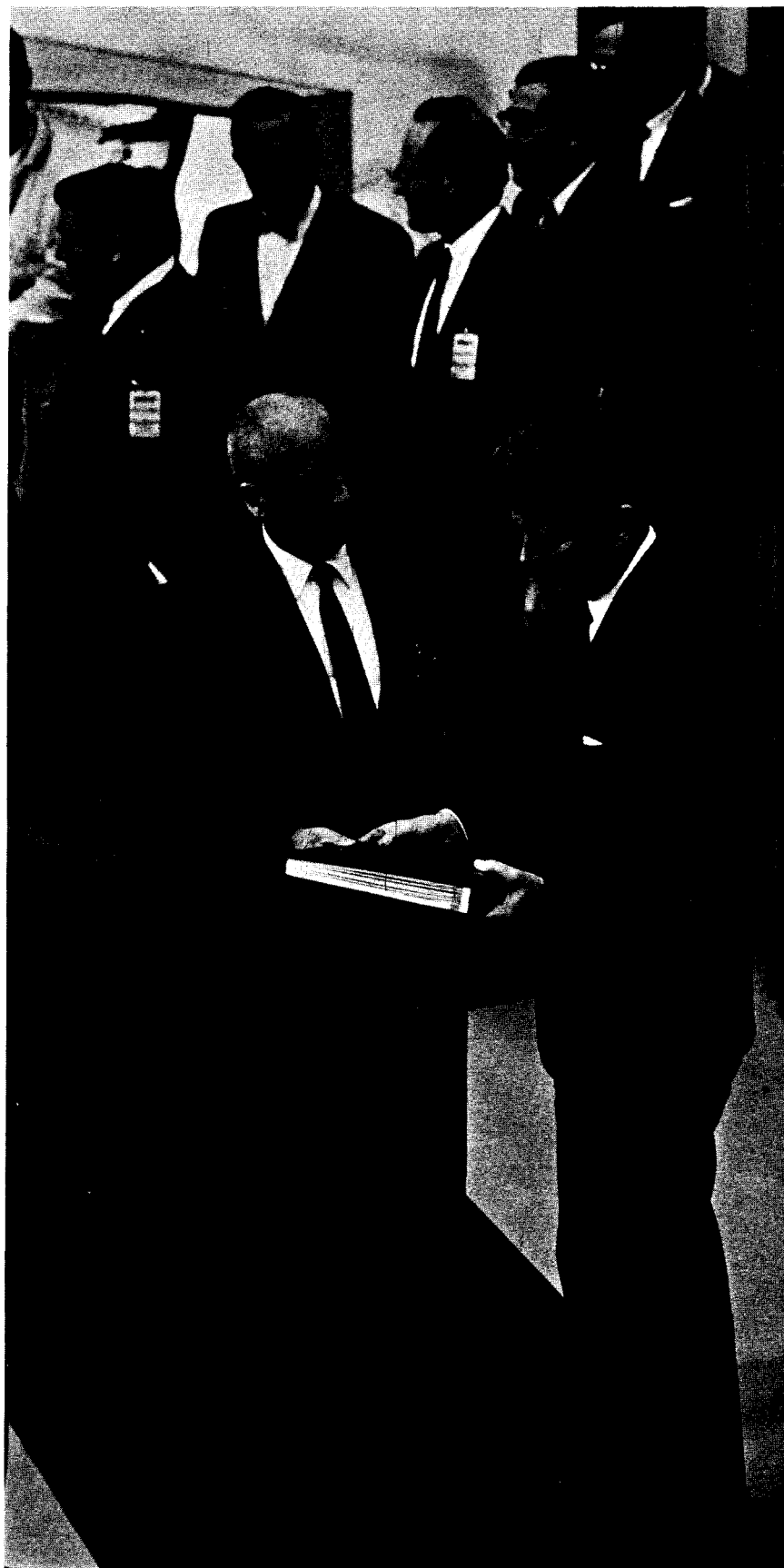
December 7, 1962 was one of those special kind of days that makes you glad you live in New Mexico; bright, sunny, incredibly clear, and crisp. But in Los Alamos it was an even more special day. From early morning you could feel the excitement mounting as swarms of people poured into town from all over northern New Mexico to crowd the freshly-swept streets, schools and businesses closed, and even the cynics and die-hard Republicans were admitting to a certain amount of anticipation. It was the day President John F. Kennedy came to town.

The event, rare in small communities like ours, is recorded on these pages by a band of peripatetic photographers from PUB, D-10 and D-8.



Above: While President Kennedy chatted with Mr. Pauley and Commission Chairman Glenn T. Seaborg, Maxine Nims, CMB-14 secretary, watched (far left) for coats to check and Bob Krohn (far right), worked out more details with a Secret Service man.

Right: In front of the Kiwi reactor, Dr. Bradbury presented the President with a souvenir album of photographs. Among those in the background: Portly Pierre Salinger, President's press secretary, and Charles C. Campbell, LAO manager.





Left: The Laboratory director explained some points in the exhibit to President Kennedy. Left to right in the background are Dr. George Burkely, the President's physician; Gerald Behn, chief of White House Secret Service; and Harold B. Finger, director of the Space Nuclear Propulsion Office.

Below: Members of the President's party study posters describing Laboratory endeavors while Bill Robbins, D-10, Bob Perlee and Billy Claybrook, D-8, man the movie cameras.





Following his classified briefing by Lab Technical Associate Director Raemer Schreiber, on Project Rover, President Kennedy met some of the key scientists in the project. Above: The President greets Frank Durham, alternate N Division leader. Others in the line, left to right, are Dwayne Vier, CMB-3 group leader; Frederick Edeskuty, associate CMF-9 group leader; W. J. Maraman, CMB-11 group leader; George Grover, N-5 group leader, and John Orndoff, alternate N-2 group leader. Below: Introduced as a father of the H Bomb, Stanislaw Ulam shakes hands with the President. Just before him were R. D. Fowler, CMF Division leader, and Mel Bowman, co-leader of CMB-3. Next in line are Vier, Edeskuty, Maraman and Durham.



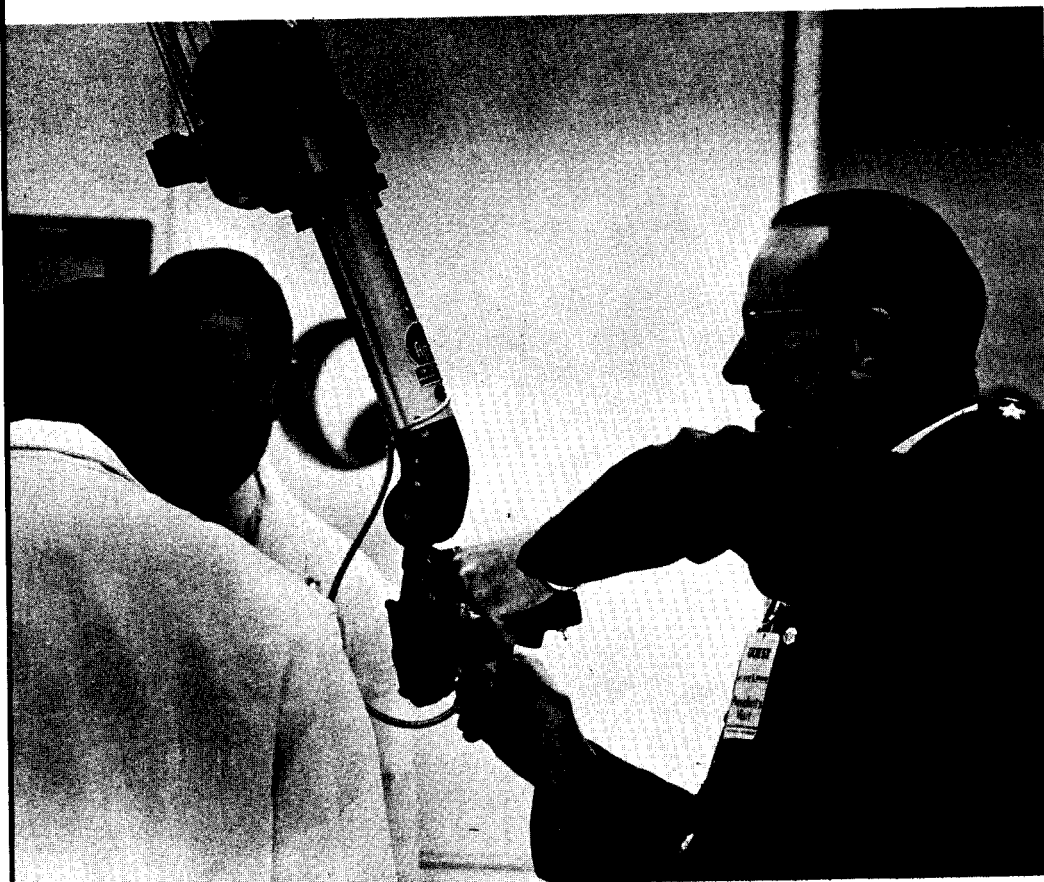
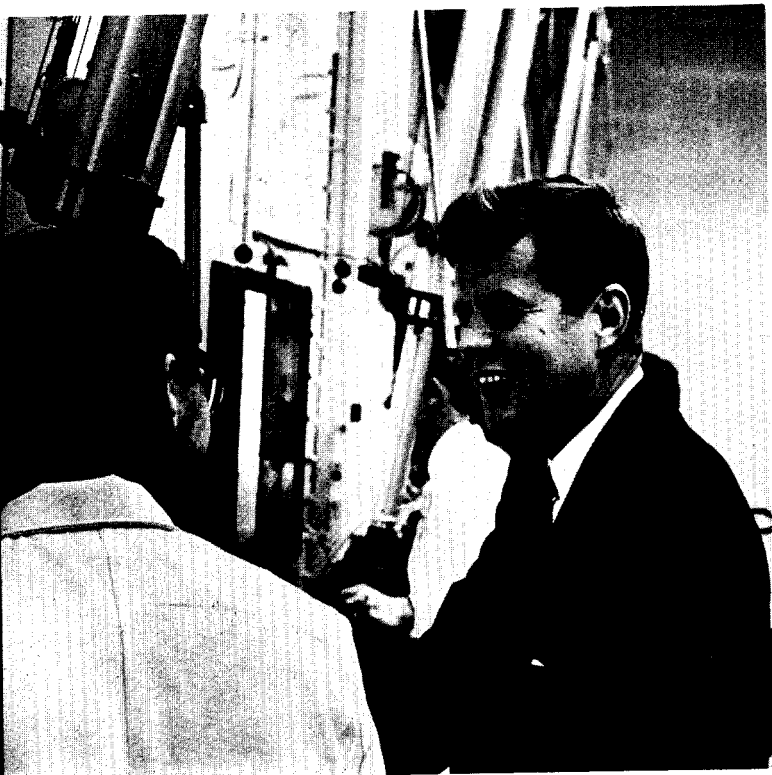


Left: In a Wing 9 hot cell, the President examined a non-Rover exhibit with Norris Bradbury while his coffee cooled.

Right: Praise and encouragement highlighted the President's brief pep talk to the Rover scientists he had just met. Behind the President are Glenn T. Seaborg, chairman of the AEC, Bradbury, R. D. Baker, CMB division leader, and Senator Clinton Anderson, the man whose invitation brought the President to Los Alamos.

Below: Mildred Frentzel, PER-4, managed to serve coffee to the president without spilling a drop while Cafeteria Group Leader Virginia Ziebol eyed the fancy cakes cooked up by PER-4 bakers. Observers reported the President took three teaspoons of sugar and "much too much cream."





Top right: Encouraged by CMB-14 Group Leader John Schulte, Hoyt Newbury demonstrates use of the manipulators for the President. Al Tafoya, in the background, gave another demonstration.

Top left: President Kennedy gets an explanation of the techniques of remote handling from Glenn Mottaz, CMB-14.

Not even generals and presidents can pass up a chance to try their hand at the manipulators. Left, General Earle Wheeler, Chief of Staff, Army, cheats a little, uses two hands instead of one as he tries to get a good grip, urged on by Mottaz and Dave Shaffer, CMB-14. Right, the President himself concentrates on the job at hand, supervised by Hoyt Newbury.





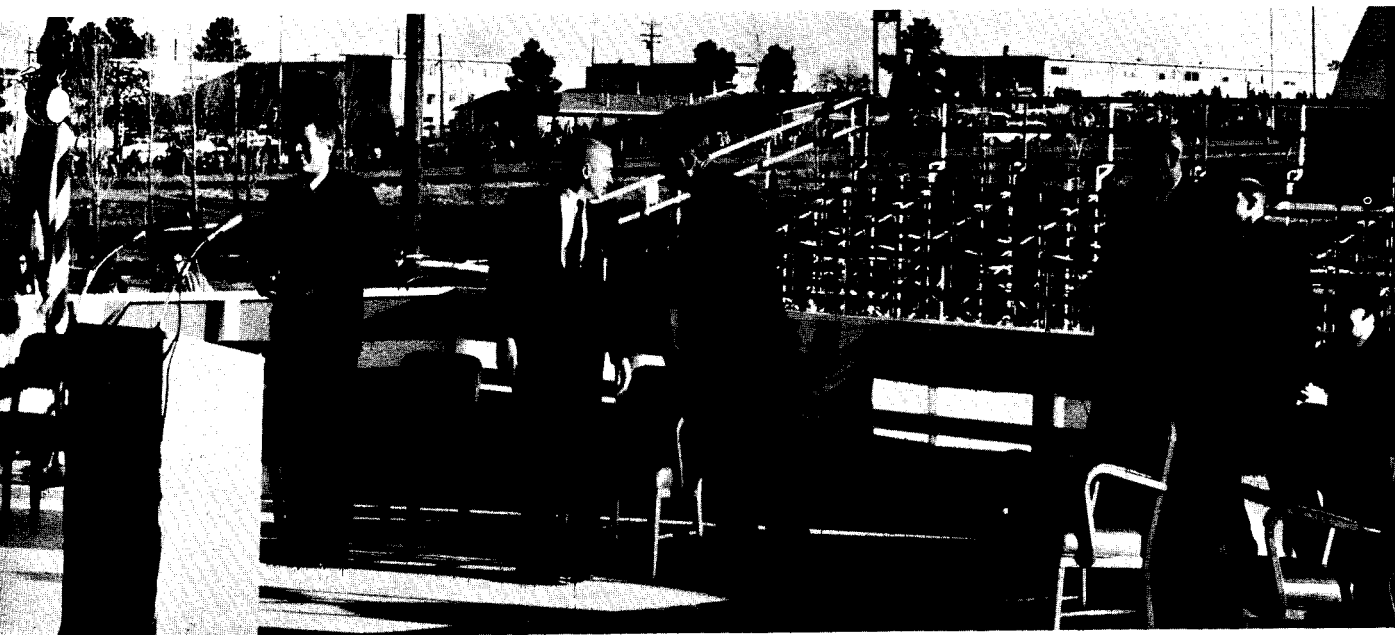
Near left: "I don't know how well they dress here, but they've got brains."

Above: Just before the motorcade begins, a two-stage conference: In the upper stage, President and Vice President; the lower, Director and Senator.

Right: Los Alamos high school band waits at the football field in front of a back yard "welcome" sign.

Below: Crowds at the intersection of Diamond and Trinity cheer the President on his way to the football stadium.





Above: The President grinned broadly, seemed immensely pleased at his noisy welcome to the speakers stand at Topper Field. Secret Service did not permit spectators in the stands behind the speakers platform.

Right: Police estimated between 5,500 and 6,000 people jammed bleachers and field for the President's speech. TV cameramen and news men elbowed for sighting room on the camera platform.





FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

"There is no group of people in this country whose record over the last 20 years has been more pre-eminent in the service of their country than all of you here in this small community in New Mexico.

"We want to express our thanks to you. It is not merely what was done during the days of the second war, but what has been done since then, not only in developing weapons of de-

struction which, by irony of fate, help maintain the peace and freedom, but also in medicine and space and all other related fields which can mean so much to mankind if we can maintain the peace and protect our freedom.

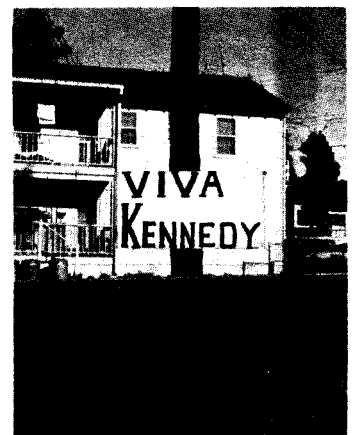
"So you here in this mountain town make a direct contribution not only to the freedom of this country, but to those thousands of miles away. Therefore, I am proud, as President of the

United States, to come here today and express our thanks to you, and to also tell you how much I have admired from some years ago, from reading an article about the kind of schools that you run here and the kind of boys and girls that you are bringing up. We hope from them the same kind of service that you have rendered.

"Thanks to you all."





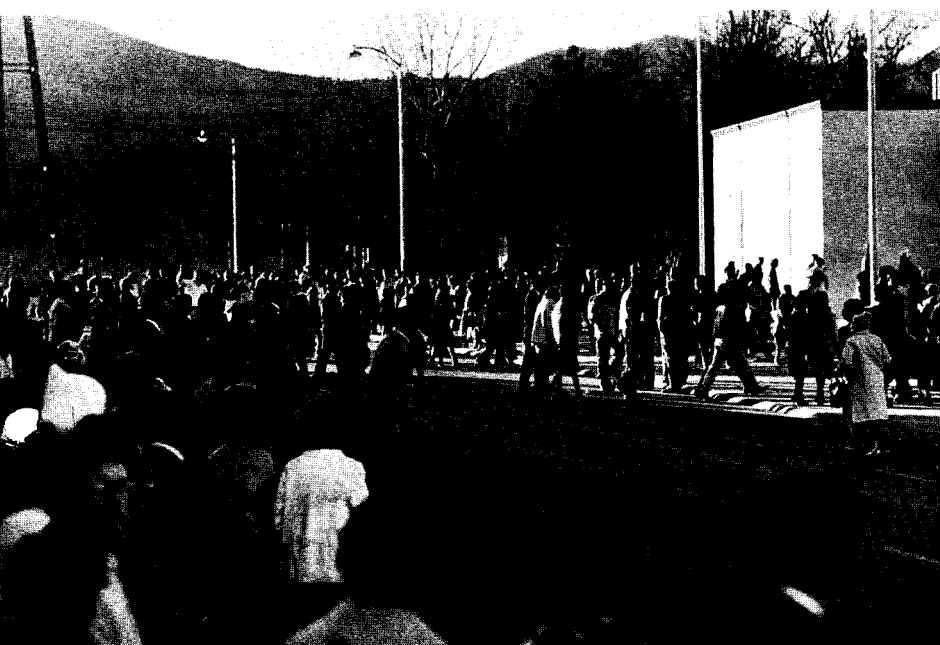
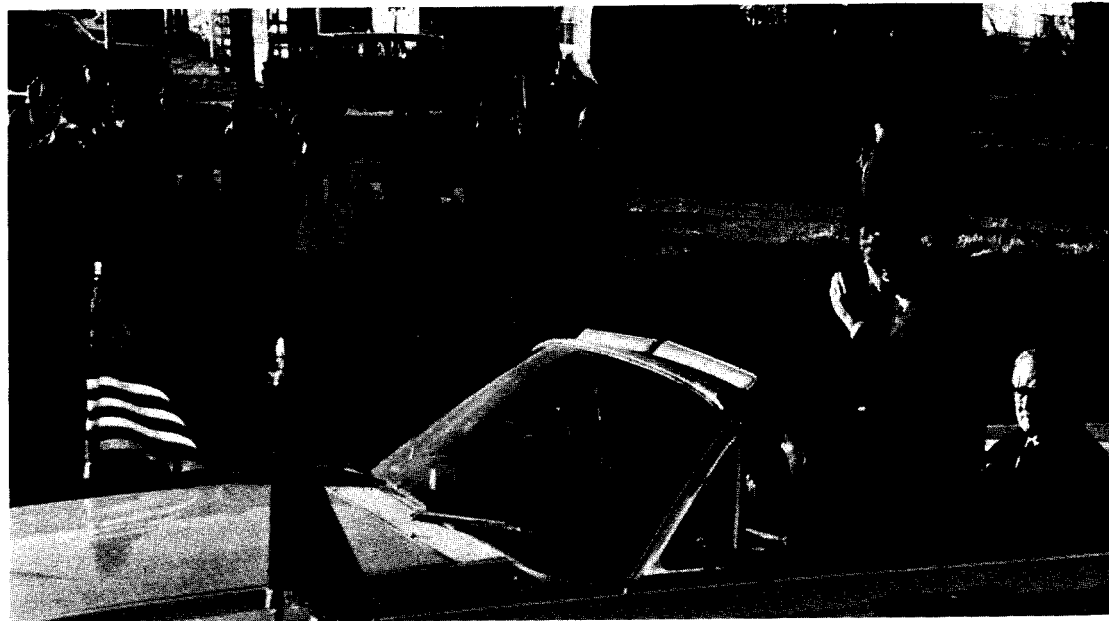
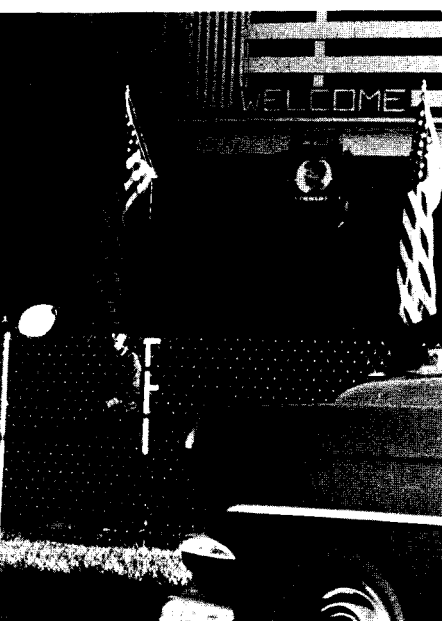


Top left: President Kennedy, back to the camera in the foreground, mingles with the mob.

Top right: Half hidden behind an ever-watchful Secret Service man the President (arrow) shakes hands with some of the children he had just praised in his speech.

Above and right opposite: Signs along the parade route greeted the President. Said another: "We feel 'disposed' to welcome President Kennedy."

Left: Crowds cheer in front of the Episcopal church.



Top: President waves to the crowds as the motorcade proceeds along Central Avenue while grim-faced Secret Service men just behind him check the action. Bottom: The huge Central Avenue crowd dispersed as the parade disappeared down the street.

"The tumult and the shouting dies;
The Captains and the Kings depart:
—Rudyard Kipling
"Recessional"



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